Statement

Monthly quantities of rice, wheat sugar, kerosene oil allocated to North Eastern States

('000 Tonnes)

	*Rice	*Wheat	Sugar	#Kerosene
1. Arunachal Pradesh	6.59	0.57	0.366	0.829
2. Assam	34.92	20.38	9.524	21.980
3. Manipur	4.16	1.71	0.782	1.839
4. Meghalaya	9.82	2.14	0.752	1.687
5. Mizoram	7.30	1.05	0.293	0.656
6. Nagaland	7.54	3.59	0.542	1.150
7. Sikkim	2.99	0.42	0.174	0.656
8. Tripura	11.48	1.28	1.173	2.621

*As per Targetted Public Distribution System Scheme
#For 1997-98

PDS scheme in Kerala

3677. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a stationary ration system is existing in Kerala;

(b) the offtake of rice and wheat during the last three years for PDS in Kerala;

(c) the total families benefited by the new PDS scheme in Kerala;

(d) whether Government proposed to increase the issue price of rice and wheat through PDS in Kerala;

(e) the issue price of wheat and rice increased during last three years; and

(f) the total amount received by FCI through these increase, year-wise, particularly from Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Allocation and offtake of wheat and rice in Kerala during the last three years are as under:—

(in '000 MT)

	WHEAT		RICE	
	Alln.	Off.	Alln.	Off.
1994-95	445.00	386.80	1800.00	118.10
1995-96	585.00	557.40	1800.00	1170.60
1996-97	572.50	544.00	1847.00	1530.80

(c) Under new PDS the average annual lifting by the States for the last 10 years is maintained and out of that the quantum required for issue to families Below Poverty Line @ 10 Kgs. per month, per family, is set apart. The number of families Below Poverty Line in Kerala is estimated to be about 15.35 lakhs.

(d) Consequent upon the introduction of IPDS, the central Issue Prices of wheat and rice issued from Central Pool will stand revised throughout the country with effect from 1st June, 1997 as under:—

(Rs. per quintal)

	RICE			WHEAT
	Common	Fine	Super-fine	
For families Above Poverty Line	—	650.00	750.00	450.00
For families Below Poverty Line	350.00	350.00	—	250.00

(e) There is no increase in the Central Issue Prices during the last three years;

(f) *Does not arise.*

PDS coming to a breaking point in West Bengal

3678. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the stoppage of supply of wheat and slashing sugar quota by the Food Corporation of India, the Public Distribution System in West